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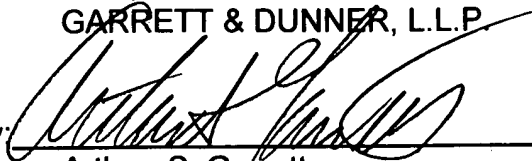
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		EP 1 277 787 A1	01-22-03	Tanabe Seiyaku Co., Ltd.		
		WO 99/25319	05-27-99	Depotech Corporation		

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For the relevance of the seven Japanese patent publications, please refer to page 1, lines 15-30 and page 2, lines-13-15 of the specification. Applicants also advise that these Japanese patent publications correspond to the following U.S. Patents.

<u>Japanese Patent Publication</u>	<u>U.S. Patent</u>
JP-A-4-46115	5,980,947
JP-A-6-32732	5,556,642
JP-A-8-151321	6,117,455
JP-A-6-145046	5,611,971
JP-A-9-221417	6,190,700
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JP-A-8-259460	5,945,126

These U.S. Patents are also listed on the Form PTO/SB.08.

For the relevance of the article in Development in Chemical Industry, please refer to the discussion of the reference on page 2, lines 1-7 of the specification and the partial English translation attached thereto.

For the relevance of the article in Handbook for Applying Skills of Emulsifying/Dispersion, please refer to the discussion of the reference on page 2, lines 8-13 of the specification and the partial English translation attached thereto.

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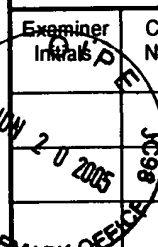
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		US-5,945,126	08-31-99	Oakwood Laboratories L.L.C.	
		US-6,294,204 B1	09-25-01	Inhale Therapeutic Systems, Inc.	
		US-6,270,802 B1	08-07-01	Oakwood Laboratories, L.L.C.	
		US-5,980,947	11-09-99	Eisai Co., Ltd.	
		US-5,556,642	09-17-96	Tanabe Seiyaku Co., Ltd.	
		US-6,117,455	09-12-00	Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.	
		US-5,611,971	03-18-97	Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.	
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		JP4-46115	02-17-92	Eisai Co., Ltd.		
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		JP8-151321	06-11-96	Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.		
		JP6-145046	05-24-94	Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.		
		JP9-221417	08-26-97	Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.		
		JP6-211648	08-02-94	Tanabe Seiyaku Co., Ltd.		
		JP8-259460	8-10-96	Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd.		
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		Development in Chemical Industry, 24; Stirring/Mixing, 1990, Maki Shoten, pp 187-191 and partial English translation	
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		DANIEL BROSE ET AL., "Studies on the Scale-Up of Crossflow Filtration Devices," PDA Journal of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology, Vol. 50., No. 4, pp 252-260 (1996)	

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